



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title : **METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A STRUCTURAL COMPONENT**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination. Entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 3, 2005 is respectfully requested. The response due date, extended three months, is November 3, 2005.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.